

The City of Fresno needs your help to keep neighborhoods clean and safe.

Be proud of your neighborhood – Put your carts out of view from the street.



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Keeping our neighborhoods clean and beautiful begins in our own front yards. That's why the City of Fresno is asking people to take the time to put their trash and recycling carts away and out of view from the street.

Did you know?

...The Container in View ordinance was adopted over 15 years ago to encourage proper storage of containers and beautify our community.

...The ordinance states that containers shall be placed for collection before 5:30 a.m. of the collection day, but not before 6:00 p.m. of the preceding day. Containers shall be placed out of view no later than 8:00 p.m. on your collection day.

...Carts left out on non-service days not only create an unsightly appearance in our neighborhoods, but they can be a safety hazard as well.

...No container shall be stored in the front yard or side yard or on a street, unless the container is screened from view of the street.

How can you help?

Placing your containers behind your fence in the back or side yard is often the easiest thing to do. If you prefer to store containers in the front yard, a 4-foot high enclosure or shrubbery should meet the necessary screening requirements. It is also important to know that people who ignore the ordinance may receive citations, and possibly fines. These fines range from \$50 on the third instance, to \$200 on the fifth instance, and no more than \$1,500 in a 12-month period.

Do you still have questions?

We're here to serve you. If you need ideas on how to conceal your solid waste carts, we can help you. Go to www.fresnorecycle.org for examples of what other neighbors have come up with; or we will be happy to discuss solutions with you. You may contact the Solid Waste Management Division at 621-1452.

Thank you for keeping Fresno safe and clean.



www.fresnorecycles.org

The City of Fresno needs you to help reduce contamination in recycling carts

Green,

Gray,

Blue.

GREEN

- Grass
- Leaves
- Palm Fronds
- Weeds
- Untreated Wood
(cut to 3 foot lengths)
- Sawdust

GARBAGE

- **Styrofoam**
- Food
- Diapers
- Bagged Animal Waste
- Empty and Dried Paint Cans
- **COLD** Ashes
- Tightly Sealed Cooking Oils/Grease

RECYCLABLES

- Small Appliances
- Tools
- All Paper
- All Plastics
- All Metal
- Glass
- DVDs, Video Cassettes, and CDs

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Keeping our neighborhoods clean and doing the right thing for the environment starts at home. To keep the cost of waste disposal and recycling down, the City of Fresno is asking residents to place the correct materials in their recycling carts.

Here are some important facts to know.

Fresno spends about \$500,000 a year to remove contamination from recycling carts. Items such as diapers, shoes, and food waste are considered contamination when placed in the blue cart. All of the recycling materials are individually sorted, so contaminants must be removed by hand. This is a very expensive process that can be easily corrected.

Contamination is also a problem in green carts. For example, when people put leaves in plastic bags prior to disposal, these bags must be removed by hand before the material can be processed. Plastics and trash of any kind can contaminate the green waste material.

How can you help?

Place appropriate materials in each cart, that's it! If you are unsure, refer to the list above. However, it is important to know that continual contamination may result in citations, and possibly, fines. Fines range from \$50 on the third instance, to \$200 on the fifth instance, and no more than \$1,500 in a 12-month period.

Do you still have questions?

We're here to serve you. If you need help reducing contamination, we can assist you. Go to www.fresnorecycles.org for an extended list of what items go in the green, gray and blue carts. If you have a question about a specific item, you may also call the Recycling Hotline at 621-1111. For any other questions regarding your solid waste service, please contact the Solid Waste Management Division at 621-1452.

Thank you for pitching in to keep Fresno clean.



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